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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3455

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CALL ON SWAZILAND PRIME MINISTER

1. ACCOMPANIED BY DCM WACHOB, I CALLED FOR FIRST TIME ON PRIME MINISTER COLONEL MAPHEVU AFTERNOON DEC 9. I NOTED THAT THIS WAS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT I HAD MADE TO SWAZILAND MINISTRY AND THAT TIMING WAS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE I WAS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. AFTER PLEASANTRIES, PM NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST LEFT THE CEREMONY AT WHICH HE SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR MULTI-DONOR THIRD SUGAR MILL PROJECT. (WE UNDERSTAND PLEDGES TOTAL DOLS 150 MILLION.) HE HAD TOLD PARTICIPANTS THAT SWAZILAND HAS OBLIGATION TO MAKE INVESTORS FEEL BOTH WELCOME AND SAFE.

2. PM THEN EXPLAINED WHAT HE MEANT BY INVESTOR SECURITY. REFERRING TO STUDENT-TEACHER DISTURBANCES IN MID-OCTOBER, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO UNSPECIFIED "OUTSIDE INFLUENCES," PM SAID THAT THE POPULATION FELT SAFE BECAUSE THE ARMY WAS AVAILABLE FOR ACTION EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT BEEN CALLED UPON. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, HE SAID HE FELT BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOZAMBIQUE "FOR THE PRESENT" HAD PEACEFUL INTENTIONS TOWARD SWAZILAND BUT THAT INCREASING FAMINE IN MOZAMBIQUE (IN HIS WORDS, BECAUSE PEOPLE THERE "TALK INSTEAD OF WORK") WOULD STIMULATE HUNGRY MOZAMBIicans TO FLEE TO SWAZILAND. HE DID NOT ELABORATE. HE SAID HE WAS TAKING STEPS TO INSURE THAT ARMY DUTY WAS SERVING SWAZILAND'S LONG-TERM INTERESTS. IMPORTANT BY-PRODUCT OF ARMY SERVICE WAS TO TEACH YOUNG MEN A LOVE FOR THE SOIL AND BETTER

MEANS OF FARMING. THIS SHOULD HELP STEM RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION, HE SAID, AND GROWTH OF URBAN PROLETARIAT. PM ALSO MADE VAGUE FLEETING REFERENCE TO DESIRE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR USG ASSISTANCE AND BY NOTING HIS SATISFACTION AT STATE OF US-SWAZILAND RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: PM'S PRESENTATION FOLLOWED PATTERN OF HIS TALK WITH CHARGE IN FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. ON THIS OCCASION, BY CONTRAST, HE DID NOT PICTURE MOZAMBIQUE AS THREAT TO SWAZILAND, WHICH MAY REFLECT RECENT GOS-GPRM CONTACTS, INCLUDING SIGNATURE OF MOZAMBIQUE-SWAZILAND TRADE AGREEMENT. PM ONLY RETURNED TO SWAZILAND ON DEC 4 FROM FOLLOW-UP NEUROLOGICAL OPERATION IN SWITZERLAND. HIS RIGHT ARM WAS IN SLING BUT OTHERWISE HE LOOKED IN GOOD HEALTH. HE WAS CLEARLY FATIGUED, HOWEVER, AFTER LONG AND ACTIVE DAY.
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